



Te Pākihi o Maru

Together growing hearts and minds

SMOKE FREE AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCES PROCEDURE

Outcome

To provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and tamariki at Te Pākihi o Maru.

Procedures

In line with smoke free legislation, Te Pākihi o Maru is a smoke and vape free environment. The following procedures will be undertaken to ensure this:

1. Smoke and vape free signs will be displayed around the school informing everyone of our status.
2. All employees will be made aware that the school is a smoke free environment.
3. All concerns or complaints regarding smoking or vaping will be investigated by the Tumuaki or Tumuaki Tuarua

The following procedures will be undertaken in regard to harmful substances

1. Any staff member or ākonga caught using, possessing or under the influence of harmful drugs, alcohol or solvents, or any other paraphernalia at any time while under the school's jurisdiction, will be referred to the tumuaki where appropriate action will be taken. In all circumstances parents and caregivers will be notified as will the appropriate authorities.
2. Any ākonga caught smoking or possessing cigarettes, vapes, cigars, and/or tobacco or any other paraphernalia while under the school's jurisdiction, will be referred to the tumuaki who will notify the parents and appropriate action will be taken. A second offence will be considered as continual disobedience and may result in disciplinary action.
3. Any ākonga caught in possession or under the influence of any of the substances above will be given appropriate support and guidance that will be negotiated with the family/guardian.
4. Staff are not permitted to smoke or vape on site or during their timetabled hours.

Through these actions, we strive to uphold our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, working towards a healthier future for all, and particularly for Māori, by reducing the prevalence and impact of smoking and vaping within our communities.